

bly at its session of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three; *and whereas*, an election was held under said act in Mallard Creek township, Mecklenburg county, October the fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, which resulted in a tie vote, and the board of county commissioners for said county of Mecklenburg, at their next meeting, gave the casting vote for said law, and ordered the trustees of said Mallard Creek township to build a fence in accordance therewith; now, therefore,

Intent declared.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That the true intent and meaning of said act was, and it is now so declared to be, that the board of county commissioners of the counties named in said act shall in all cases when the number of votes cast for and against said law are equal, give the casting vote.

Action of Board ratified.

SEC. 2. That the action of the board of county commissioners for the county of Mecklenburg in giving the casting vote in the election for Mallard Creek township, in said county of Mecklenburg, above referred to, and all acts done in accordance therewith and subsequent thereto by the said board of county commissioners and the said trustees of Mallard Creek township, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 3. That this act be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 10th day of March, A. D. 1875.

CHAPTER CXLIV.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That the president and directors of the Western Railroad Company, and such commissioners as they may

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